

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 02/18/1998

To: All Field Offices

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Case ID #: 288-HQ-1242560-91 (Pending)

**Title:** SOLAR SUNRISE  
COMPUTER INTRUSION

**Synopsis:** Advisory re press interest in investigation

**Details:** SOLAR SUNRISE is a pending investigation managed out of FBIHQ/CITAC with related cases in numerous field offices. The case involves a relatively large number of related computer intrusions into unclassified military computer systems. The scale and timing of these intrusions, which continue to occur as the United States prepares for major military operations, have raised major concerns for the Department of Defense.

From its early stages, the investigation has been classified at the secret level. Nevertheless, on 2-13-98, a fairly detailed report appeared in a technical publication. The DOD press office, FBIHQ, and at least one FBI field office subsequently received inquiries from the press. FBIHQ anticipates that there will be continued interest in this matter by the national press.

Until further notice, any and all press inquiries should be referred, without further comment, to SSA [redacted] Office of Public and Congressional Affairs [redacted]

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Due to the sensitivity of the investigation, all field offices should observe appropriate measures to prevent unauthorized dissemination of information. In particular, offices should be vigilant about giving any information to persons who claim to be representing DOD or other agencies involved in the investigation. The identity and affiliation of any such person should be verified prior to communicating any information. Secure telephones should be used for any outside communications relating to this investigation.

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